



Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (1/1/2018 - 6/30/2018)

*Criminal Procedure Article, § 10-219(B)(6); Chapter 252
of 2002 (House Bill 943)*

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Background

Chapter 252 of 2002 (House Bill 943), *Juvenile Justice - Criminal History Record Information - Dissemination*, required the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS) to report information to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center on data pertaining to juveniles charged as adults in Maryland.¹ Chapter 252 of 2002 also required CJIS to report the gender, race, and age of each juvenile charged as an adult. In accordance with this Act, the Maryland Justice Analysis Center shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30 and December 31 of each year, on the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis on this matter. In 2007, the Maryland Justice Analysis Center was relocated to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and was renamed the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (Center), which is responsible for completing these semi-annual reports.

Methodology

The most recent report includes data received from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018.

Results

Demographics

Between January 1, 2018, and June 30, 2018, a total of 509 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. Charts 1 and 2 as well as Tables 1 - 4 depict the demographic characteristics of juveniles charged as adults. The vast majority of juveniles charged as adults were male (89.6%), black (80.4%) and between the age of 16 and 17 years old (95.1%). There was one case in which the gender was missing.

¹ Maryland General Assembly. (2002). [*Chapter 252 of 2002 \(House Bill 9443\), Juvenile Justice - Criminal History Record Information - Dissemination*](#).

Chart 1. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Race
(1/1-6/30/18)

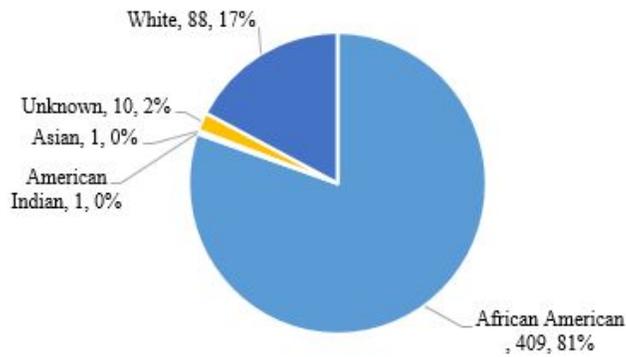


Chart 2. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender
(1/1-6/30/18)

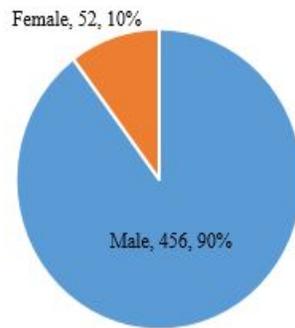


Table 1. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults

	Frequency	Percent
12	1	0.2%
14	1	0.2%
15	23	4.5%
16	211	41.5%
17	273	53.6%
Total	509	100%

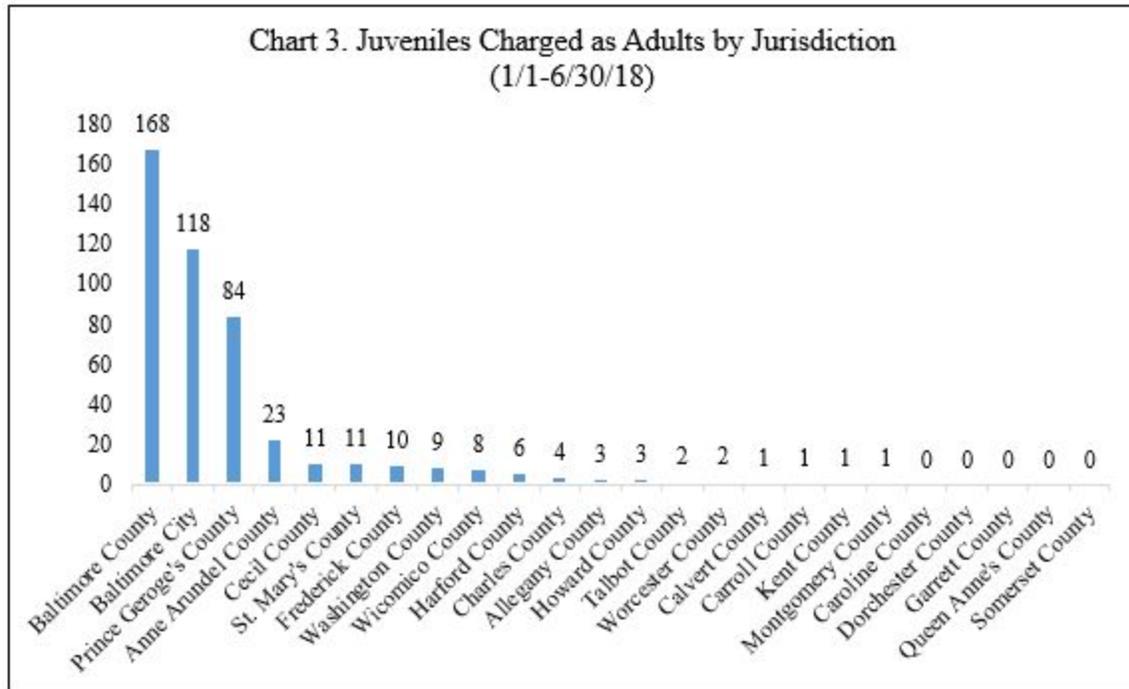
Table 2. Ethnicity/Race of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Race	Male	Female	Total
African American Percent	374 82.0%	35 67.3%	409 80.5%
American Indian Percent	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Asian Percent	1 0.2%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
White Percent	72 15.8%	16 30.8%	88 17.3%
Unknown Percent	9 2.0%	1 2.0%	10 2.0%
Total Percent	456 100.0%	52 100.0%	508 100.0%

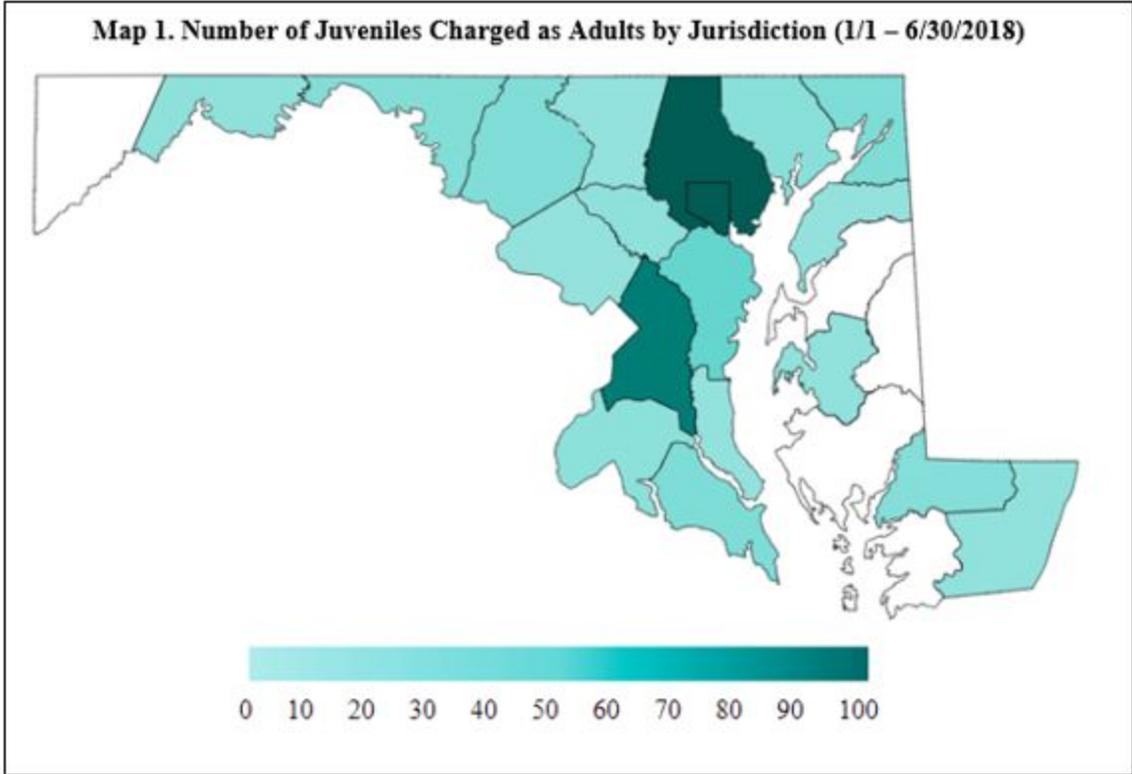
Table 3. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Ethnicity/Race						
Age	African American	American Indian	Asian	White	Unknown	Total
12 Percent	1 0.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
14 Percent	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.1%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
15 Percent	15 3.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 8.0%	1 10.0%	23 4.5%
16 Percent	177 34.8%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	30 34.1%	3 30.0%	211 41.4%
17 Percent	216 43.3%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	50 56.8%	6 60.0%	273 53.6%
Total Percent	409 100.0%	1 100.0%	1 100.0%	88 100.0%	10 100.0%	509 100.0%

Table 4. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Age	Male	Female	Total
12 Percent	0 0.0%	1 1.9%	1 0.2%
14 Percent	1 0.2%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
15 Percent	21 4.6%	2 3.8%	23 4.5%
16 Percent	191 41.9%	19 36.5%	210 41.2%
17 Percent	243 53.3%	30 57.7%	273 53.6%
Total Percent	456 100.0%	52 100.0%	508 100.0%

Jurisdiction

As illustrated below and on the following page, Chart 3 and Map 1 identifies the number of juveniles charged as adults per jurisdiction. The highest number of juveniles charged as adults, from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018, occurred within five jurisdictions: Baltimore County (n = 168), Baltimore City (n = 118), Prince George's County (n = 84), Anne Arundel County (n = 23), and Cecil County and St. Mary's County (n = 11). Forty-three arrests also occurred in which the jurisdiction field was missing and, as a result, were coded as unknown.





Offense Type

Maryland law provides that juveniles who commit certain offenses must be charged as adults. These exclusionary offenses include the following:

<i>Juveniles 14 Years and Older</i>	<i>Juveniles 16 Years and Older</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First degree murder • First degree rape • First degree sex offense • Any attempts or conspiracies to commit the above offenses 	<p><u>Serious Violent Offenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abduction • Kidnapping • Second degree murder (and attempted) • Manslaughter (except involuntary) • Second degree rape (and attempted) • Second degree sex offense (and attempted) • Third degree sex offense (and attempted) • Armed robbery (and attempted) • Carjacking or armed carjacking • First degree assault
	<p><u>Firearms Offenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear, carry, or transport handgun

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use of a handgun or antique firearm in the commission of a crime, use of a machine gun in a crime of violence ● Use of a machine gun for aggressive purposes ● Possession of unregistered short-barreled shotgun or short-barreled rifle ● Restrictions on possession of a regulated firearm ● Restrictions on sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm ● Sale, transfer, or disposal of stolen regulated firearm
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As illustrated in Table 5, over 78% of juveniles charged as adults, from January 1, 2018, through June 20, 2018, were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Armed robbery and first-degree assault were the most common exclusionary offenses.

Table 5. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Exclusionary Offense Type		
Under 14		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	0	0.0%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	1	100.0%
14-15		
1st Degree Murder	7	29.2%
1st Degree Rape	7	29.2%
1st Degree Sex Offense	0	0.0%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	14	58.3%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	24	100.0%
16-17		
Armed Robbery (attempted)	143	29.5%
Assault (1st degree)	69	14.3%
Carjacking	34	7.0%
Handgun Possession	92	19.0%
Handgun Use in a Violent Crime	0	0.0%
Kidnapping	3	0.8%
Manslaughter	0	0.0%
Murder (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	36	7.4%
Rape (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	8	1.7%
Regulated Firearm Possession	0	0.0%
Sex Offense (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and attempted)	1	0.2%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	386	79.8%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	484	100.0%
All Juveniles		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	400	78.6%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	509	100.0%

As shown in Table 6, there was no significant difference between black (79.2%) and white juveniles (76.1%) on their likelihood of being arrested and charged with an exclusionary offense. However, Table 7 indicates a significant difference between male and female juveniles who were charged with exclusionary offenses (80.3% and 63.5%, respectively).

Table 6. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race		
Race	Frequency	Percent
African American	324 of 409	79.2%
American Indian	1 of 1	100.0%
Asian	1 of 1	100.0%
White	67 of 88	76.1%
Unknown	7 of 10	70.0%
Total	400 of 509	78.6%

Table 7. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender		
Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	366 of 456	80.3%
Females	33 of 52	63.5%
Total	508	100.0%

As illustrated in Table 8, 90.9% of juveniles charged with an exclusionary offense occurred in Cecil County, followed by Prince George's County (90.5%), Baltimore City (88.1%), Baltimore County (80.4%), Anne Arundel County (39.1%), and St. Mary's County (27.3%).

Table 8. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offense by Jurisdiction		
County	Frequency	Percent
Baltimore County	135 of 168	80.4%
Baltimore City	104 of 118	88.1%
Prince George's County	76 of 84	90.5%
Anne Arundel County	9 of 23	39.1%
Cecil County	10 of 11	90.9%
St. Mary's County	3 of 11	27.3%

Five-Year Trends

As indicated in Table 9, the number of juveniles charged as adults has decreased by 52% from 2013 to 2017. However, the percentage of juveniles charged with exclusionary offenses has increased from 63% of all arrests in 2013 to 79% of all arrests in 2018. In addition, there was little variation in the demographic makeup of these juveniles over the five-year period.

Table 9. Juveniles Charged as Adults Statistics by Year (2013 - 2017)						
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Total Juveniles charged as adults	1,418	1,521	798	756	683	509
% Black	80.0%	82.2%	80.6%	78.6%	78.8%	80.3%
% White	19.1%	15.9%	17.4%	19.6%	19.3%	17.2%
% Male	90.1%	91.8%	90.5%	91.9%	92.2%	89.8%
% Under 16	5.2%	3.6%	4.4%	3.0%	5.4%	4.9%
Charged with exclusionary offenses	62.8%	70.4%	80.0%	78.8%	79.0%	78.6%

Summary

Between January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018, over 500 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. The majority of these juveniles were black males between the age of 16 and 17 years old. Nearly 80% of these juveniles were charged with exclusionary offenses and were required, by law, to be charged as adults.

Pursuant to Chapter 252 of 2002, the Center will continue to receive data from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults and will report on a semi-annual basis as it relates to the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis on this matter.